

Instead of making the best technology to happen to radio in decades, go back in time and force them to stop providing information that is vital to the American Truck Drivers like myself, I say make the AM stations get their sound quality up to modern standards or shut them down. They never provide traffic reports that are good enough to serve the American public anyway, so they are grasping at the last straw just to survive. And to be honest, if they are relying on traffic reports to survive, what use are they anyway.

I would like to see a lot more traffic reports on XM, only because I never turn on the AM stations to listen to them anyway. It takes too long to get a report, and when it does come, it is already obsolete, and never even mentions the roads that I am on. Since XM provides reports that are all but real time, they naturally have the upper hand. But nobody said that the AM stations couldn't make 24 hour traffic channels like XM has. If you shut down the traffic and weather channels on XM, you are taking money out of my pocket and putting it nowhere. Cause when I sit in traffic, there isn't anyone making any money, not me not the govt. not AM stations, not XM or anyone else. Plus, if the XM channels can help allieviate congestion on the highways, I say that they are doing their part to help save on fuel costs, by not ideling it all away, plust they are helping to keep pollution at a minimum from the wasted exhaust fumes.

To sum up, the XM Traffic and Weather channels, by FAR, exceed any negatives that come out of the loss of a few weak, and poor, obsolete, AM radio stations. I know there is a new technology coming out to help the AM stations reach further out, with a clearer signal, but most are not going to invest in that kind of technology, when there is so much better to be had. So, trying to save the dinosaurs, while they may be historic relics, is really a waste of my hard earned tax dollars.

Please, vote to reject the NAB's petition, and leave the XM service alone. I am an adult and I pay for this service. I don't think some station that I won't listen to anyway should have any say in what I can or cannot listen to. It should be my choice as to weather or not I listen to AM or FM or XM or any oter source to get my traffic and weather information. And the last time I checked, they don't have a copyright on the traffic and weather in every city and town in America.

XM Satellite Radio is growing in numbers everday, and to hold back a growing segment of radio, is like putting a governor on a sports car that is on a race track. You just have to sit back and realize the stupidity in the thought, and say duh, we can't do that. We can get voted out of office for doing something like that. And just remember this is an election year.